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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1994-1995

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under item 107 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/49/822 and Add.1.

2. The Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 42nd, 51st and 53rd meetings, on 7, 30 and 31 March 1995. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/49/SR.42, 51 and 53).

II. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL SUBJECTS

A. Revised estimates under sections 3A, 3B, 3C, 4, 8, 15, 24 and 28 and income section I

3. The Committee considered the question of revised estimates under sections 3A, 3B, 3C, 4, 8, 15, 24 and 28 and income section 1 at its 42nd, 51st and 53rd meetings, on 7, 30 and 31 March 1995. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/49/44) and the relevant report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/49/7/Add.10).

4. At the 51st meeting, on 30 March 1995, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision (A/C.5/49/L.38), which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

5. At the same meeting, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the Group of African States, proposed an amendment to the draft decision, by which, after paragraph 2, a new paragraph would be added reading:

> "Decides to redeploy the amount of $119,700 from section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 to section 15 (Economic Commission for Africa), as requested by the Secretary-General in paragraph 86 of his report;"

and the remaining paragraph would be renumbered accordingly.

6. The proposed amendment was subsequently issued as document A/C.5/49/L.48.

7. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America proposed amendments to the draft decision, by which, after operative paragraph 3, two paragraphs would be added, reading:

> "Calls upon the Secretary-General to promulgate criteria for the consideration of requests for regular budget support by the regional institutes, and requests the Secretary-General to establish such criteria by 31 May 1995;
>
> "Decides to defer consideration of the proposal contained in paragraph 86 of the report of the Secretary-General until the next resumption of the General Assembly."

8. The proposed amendments were subsequently issued as document A/C.5/49/L.49.

9. At the 53rd meeting, on 31 March 1995, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the Group of African States, proposed a further amendment to draft decision A/C.5/49/L.38, by which a new paragraph would be added, reading:

> "Decides that future requests for funding for regional institutes shall be considered only on the basis of criteria proposed by the Secretary-General and approved by the General Assembly to determine if such institutes should be funded from the regular budget."

10. At the same meeting, in view of the amendments proposed by the representative of Tunisia, the representative of the United States withdrew its amendments to draft decision A/C.5/49/L.38.

11. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted, without a vote, draft decision A/C.5/49/L.38, as amended (see para. 15).

B. Questions related to the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

12. At the 53rd meeting, on 31 March, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.5/49/L.41) submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations, reading as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 48/228 of 23 December 1993,

"Regrets that the request contained in section II, paragraph 22, of resolution 48/228, in which the Secretary-General was requested to provide adequate posts for activities dealing with micro-economic issues, through redeployment, has not yet been fully implemented;

"Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly by 30 June 1995 proposals for fully implementing, through redeployment, the request contained in section II, paragraph 22, of resolution 48/228."

13. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Controller and by the representative of France.

14. In the light of the statement made by the Controller, the Chairman of the Committee withdrew draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.41.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

15. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Revised estimates under sections 3A, 3B, 3C, 4, 8, 15, 24 and 28 and income section 1

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates under sections 3A, 3B, 3C, 4, 8, 15, 24 and 28 and income section 1; 1/

2. Endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report, 2/ subject to the provisions of this decision;

3. Decides to redeploy the amount of 119,700 United States dollars from section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 to section 15 (Economic Commission for Africa), as requested by the Secretary-General in paragraph 86 of his report; 1/

4. Requests the Secretary-General to review its recommendations in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 in order to enhance and enrich programmes and activities for Africa;

1/ A/C.5/49/44.

2/ A/49/7/Add.10.

5. Decides that future requests for funding for regional institutes shall be considered only on the basis of criteria proposed by the Secretary-General and approved by the General Assembly to determine if such institutes should be funded from the regular budget.